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TRANSFER METHOD BETWEEN EXTERNAL STORAGE
CONTROL DEVICES

Group: 2187

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 & 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicants are submitting herewith a Search Report received in a counterpart European application and copies of the foreign patent documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by the following certification specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e):

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

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